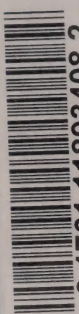


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dripping taps

A dripping tap or shower head is money down the drain. At only one drop per second you can waste up to 175 gallons of hot water in a single month. Replace tap washers as soon as they become worn — and always make sure that the taps are securely turned off at sinks, basins and in the tub.



in the laundry

Avoid hot water waste by using only the amount of water necessary to wash the load of clothes — use the low, medium and high water settings on an automatic washer. There's no need to fill your washer to the brim every time. Where and when possible, use a cold water detergent for laundering. Always read the manufacturer's instruction manual — and keep your laundry equipment in good repair.



in the kitchen

If you use a dishwasher, run it only when there's a full load of dishes to be washed. In the meantime, use it to store dishes and cutlery until you're ready to wash them. This way you'll need fewer washes and save hot water. The manufacturer's literature will tell you how to get the best possible results and longest life from your dishwasher.

other wise ideas for conserving hot water

1. If you're having a new water heater installed, ask for it to be placed as close to the "point of greatest use" as possible. This will avoid long pipe runs, which waste hot water. Most hot water in a home is used in the kitchen or main bathroom — get as close as possible.
2. Long pipe runs — if you have them — should be insulated against heat loss. This can be easily done with any "pipe wrapping" — (an insulated tape, available from your local hardware store or building supply dealer).
3. People normally use less hot water when showering than when taking a bath. The average shower takes about 10 gallons of water, whereas the average bath takes about twice as much.

4. When selecting a new water heater — always ask about the thickness of insulation around the tank body. A thicker layer of insulation will keep the heat inside — where it belongs.



going on vacation— save on hot water

Going on vacation for 3 weeks or more? Turn off the water heater before you go. First, turn off water heater switch at main service panel, then turn off tap to stop incoming flow of cold water.

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